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AN ACT relating to special license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1 ➔ Section 1. KRS 186.041 is amended to read as follows:

2 (1) Each initial and renewal application by a person who meets the criteria of paragraph
3 (a) of this section and each initial application by a person who meets the criteria of
4 paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section for a special military license plate shall be
5 accompanied by proof that the person is associated with the United States Army,
6 United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, United
7 States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Kentucky National
8 Guard, Merchant Marines with service between December 7, 1941, and August 15,
9 1945, or Civil Air Patrol in one (1) of the following ways:

10 (a) An active component member;

11 (b) A retired member; or

12 (c) A veteran who received a discharge under honorable conditions, or the
13 veteran's widow and:

14 1. Performed twenty-four (24) months of active-duty service;

15 2. Received an early release due to injuries or other medical condition, or
16 at the convenience of the service;

17 3. Received a hardship discharge;

18 4. Was separated or retired due to a disability; or

19 5. Was determined to have a service-connected disability incurred during
20 the enlistment.

21 (2) The member, retired member, veteran, or reservist may purchase two (2) special
22 military-related license plates annually for vehicles they own or lease. A disabled
23 veterans license plate shall expire on July 31.

24 (3) A recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross
25 shall be eligible for a Service Cross license plate upon submission of an application

1 to the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs. The recipient shall be required to
2 include with the initial application for a Service Cross license plate a copy of the
3 general order that authorized the award and the recipient's Department of Defense
4 form number 214. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall verify the
5 documentation submitted with the application for a Service Cross license plate, and
6 if the individual applying for the plate is confirmed to be a recipient of the
7 Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross, the Department of
8 Veterans' Affairs shall submit the applicant's name to the Transportation Cabinet's
9 Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing not later than September 1 preceding the year
10 that the Service Cross license plate is to be initially issued or renewed. When the
11 Service Cross license plate is ready, the plate shall be sent to the county clerk in the
12 county of the applicant's residence. The Transportation Cabinet's Division of Motor
13 Vehicle Licensing shall inform each applicant in writing that the Service Cross
14 license plate is ready and may be picked up at the county clerk's office. The
15 Transportation Cabinet shall prescribe the type of application form required by this
16 subsection and shall supply the Department of Veterans' Affairs with the application
17 form required by this subsection.

18 (4) A person who is a former prisoner of the enemy during World War I, World War II,
19 the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or the spouse of a deceased former prisoner
20 of war, shall be eligible for a former prisoner of war license plate by submitting
21 written proof from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or other
22 appropriate federal agency stating the period of time the person or person's spouse
23 was a prisoner of war. If a former prisoner of war dies with a vehicle licensed as
24 authorized under this section, the person's surviving spouse may retain the license
25 plate for use on the same vehicle or on another vehicle that complies with KRS
26 186.164(7).

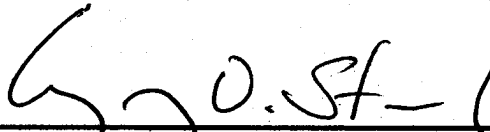
27 (5) A person who is certified by the Kentucky chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors

1 Association as being a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor shall be eligible for a
2 Pearl Harbor license plate and shall be required to attach to the special military-
3 related license plate application written evidence from the Kentucky chapter of the
4 Pearl Harbor Survivors Association that the person:

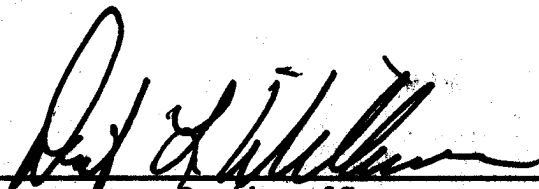
- 5 (a) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7, 1941;
6 (b) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45
7 a.m., Hawaii time, at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore at a
8 distance not to exceed three (3) miles;
9 (c) Was discharged honorably from the United States Armed Forces; and
10 (d) Is certified by the Kentucky chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors
11 Association.

12 (6) A person who is eligible to receive a Gold Star Mothers or Gold Star Spouses
13 license plate under KRS 186.164(15)(a) may receive up to two (2) Gold Star
14 Mothers or Gold Star Spouses license plates annually for vehicles he or she owns or
15 leases.

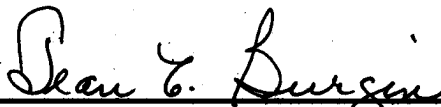
16 (7) The surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient, or a Kentucky National Guard
17 member or a retired member, who possessed a vehicle licensed with the Purple
18 Heart recipient special license plate, or the Kentucky National Guard special
19 license plate, may retain the license plate for use on the same vehicle or another
20 vehicle that complies with KRS 186.164(7). The surviving spouse may renew the
21 license plate indefinitely, provided the appropriate registration fee is paid annually.



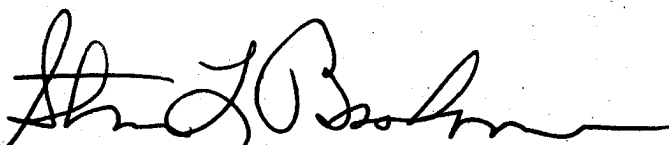
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Governor

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